

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

June 16, 2005

Ms. Barbara Rosendahl Highlands Village District 501 Bean Hill Road Northfield, NH 03276

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 05-070 CERTIFIED MAIL #7099 3400 0003 0690 2220

Subject: Northfield – Highlands Village District, Expired Groundwater Discharge Permit (DES #199806017)

Dear Ms. Rosendahl:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the subject facility owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment facility with disposal to the groundwater via infiltration. Pursuant to Env-Ws 1500, *Groundwater Discharge Permit and Registration Rules*, and successor rules, this facility is required to obtain a groundwater discharge permit. The purpose of the permit is to assess groundwater quality and determine continued compliance with the applicable Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS).

DES records indicate that the previous permit expired July 23, 2003 and the Highlands Village District has not submitted a permit application and supporting information for renewal. The failure to obtain a permit for the unlined wastewater lagoon(s) places the facility in violation of NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 1500.

DES believes the violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1. **By July 15, 2005**, submit to DES groundwater sampling analysis summary from monitoring wells MW-1 & 2; and
- 2. By July 30, 2005, complete and submit to DES a groundwater discharge permit application (enclosed), fee, and supporting information to obtain the required permit.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action against you, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

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All correspondence, documentation, and sampling analyses as requested should be addressed as follows:

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Please contact Mitchell Locker by e-mail at *mlocker@des.state.nh.us,or* by phone at (603) 271-2858 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Enclosure: Groundwater Discharge Permit Application

cc: Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator Brandon Kernen, WSEB Northfield Board of Selectmen File 199806017